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Declaration of Peter Nordberg
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Sir:

I, Peter Nordberg, declare as follows:

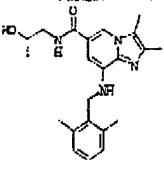
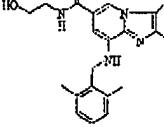
1. I am a citizen of Sweden. I graduated in 1982 from Chalmers University of Technology with a Master of Science degree in Chemical Engineering.
2. The assignee of the referenced application is AstraZeneca AB. I am presently employed by AstraZeneca and my current position is Associate Principal Scientist. I have held this position since 2004. My curriculum vitae is attached to this Declaration as Exhibit A. A list of publications that I co-authored and patents of which I am a named inventor is attached as Exhibit B.

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3. I have read and understood the referenced patent application. I am the named inventor and am familiar with the invention described and claimed in the referenced patent application.

4. I have been informed that the claimed invention has been rejected as being unpatentable over US 6,313,137 to Amin et al. ("Amin") on the grounds that it would have been obvious to make a similar salt having a similar therapeutic effect based on the disclosure provided by Amin.

5. In response to the prior art rejection, I conducted the following comparative study which supplements the dissolution data appearing at pages 17-18 of the application. Specifically, I compared the solubility, in fasted state simulated intestinal fluid (FaSSIF), of the claimed compound with the compound of Example 1.3 of Amin. The method followed the procedure disclosed on pages 17-18 of the application. The comparative data is summarized in the following table:

Structure	Compound	Solubility μM 1 h	Solubility μM 24 h	Solubility μM 24 h (base form)
	Present inv. (Mesylate salt)	279	218	48
	Example 1.3 of Amin (Mesylate salt)	19	17	13

6. The data demonstrates an unexpected and superior dissolution behavior of the claimed compound as compared to that of Example 1.3 of Amin. Specifically, the solubility of the base form and mesylate salt of the claimed invention, measured after 24 hours, was 48 μmol/l and 218 μmol/l, respectively. In contrast, the solubility of the base form and mesylate salt of the compound of example 1.3 of Amin, measured after 24 hours, was 13 μmol/l and 17 μmol/l, respectively. It is my opinion that the above biological test data demonstrates a superior unexpected result that is not suggested by Amin.

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Dated: *August 18, 2008*


Peter Nordberg

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